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	<p>1. The attached report on</p> <p>Gerhard KAEHLER (DOB: 1928. POB: Unknown. Address: Wetzlar/Lahn, Lauerstrasse Citizenship: German Occupation: Engineer with Mensoldt Firm in Wetzlar Returned from Soviet Prison Camp in 1953.)</p> <p>was passed to MB by CARETINA on 14 May 1959. It was prepared on 2 July 1958 in the expectation of passing it to UPSWING. However, UPSWING dropped contact with CARETINA and the report was not passed to them.</p> <p>2. MB files contain no traces on Gerhard KAEHLER; he does not appear to be identical with Eberhard KAEHLER, born 12 April 1925, who was the subject of a CIC Alert letter (MGSA-4747, 23 August 1951) as a suspected MFS informant.</p>		
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SUBJECT: KAEHLER, Gerhard

DOB: 1928

Address: Wetzlar a.d. Lahn, Lauerstr. Nr. ??

Occupation: Engineer (mechanical or electrical)
with the Hensoldt Firm in Wetzlar in Betriebs -
und Arbeitsplanung. The Hensoldt Firm
allegedly is the successor of the Zeiss Works
in Jena.

Parents: Father - allegedly died in East
Berlin. Was an engineer and a "political
Communist" who sided with the ULBRICHT system.

Mother: - still living in East Berlin.

1. When KAEHLER was seventeen years old in 1945, the Russians "dragged" him out of Berlin and transported him to the Soviet Union. He, as well as the others taken at the same time, was immediately put in the camp, Inta in der Komi ASSR. Many of the people taken into custody with him died in the freight cars during the transport process. The camp to which he came was at that time unbelievably primitive and a pure "hunger camp." It had only begun to develop into a productive work camp.
2. Right from the start KAEHLER seemed to realize how to quickly win the sympathy of the Russians, i.e. the camp administration. This is according to my own observations and the information I received from fellow prisoners. Part of his success was due to the fact that he was so young; he brought out paternal instincts in the Russians. While at the camp he learned the electrical trade and spent the whole duration of his imprisonment at this work.
3. The new arrivals in the camp thought him to be a Russian because of his arrogant, formidable conduct towards his fellow Germans. The other prisoners dubbed him "Graf von Inta". He was accused of not helping his countrymen even though he was in a position to do so as camp electrician. This post was evidence of the trust he received from the camp leaders (Soviets) and KAEHLER was viewed in a rather doubtful light by his colleagues because of it. Towards the Russians, he exhibited a gratitude which reeked of servility and which was suspected of having "unclean" motives.
4. I actually have no derogatory information on him. However, I feel it necessary to point him and his present position in West Germany out on grounds of prudence. Allegedly he studied in West Berlin after his return from Russia in 1953. From past conversations with him, I know him to be a person of unstable character and one who bases his decisions on personal gain. At the time he was twenty-five years old, I would never have entrusted him with any confidential information. From conversations he had with others in 1958, I have been able to discover that he is aware of the fact that he has adopted the political views of his present superiors only to get ahead. This is nothing

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new - to be sure, many people do the same thing - but KAEHLER used to have "too good" connections to the leaders in the East. Therefore he could probably be handled on the basis of "re-insurance". And since the Hensoldt Firm is allegedly the successor to the Zeiss Works in Jena, a special caution is in order. In addition, everything is possible since his mother is still living in the East.

5. If I am not mistaken, his whole ideology is one of what is best for him. In the camp he learned well how to be careful and to think only of his best interest. The advantages he achieved by pursuing this policy were not something he bothered to hide from his compatriots. Because of all the aforementioned, I believe him worthy of concise investigation.

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